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In re Application of : Durbin et al.  
Serial No. : 09/681,017  
Filed : November 22, 2000  
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM TO REMOTELY ENABLE SOFTWARE-  
BASED OPTIONS FOR A TRIAL PERIOD  
Group Art No. : 3621  
Examiner : Calvin Loyd Hewitt II

## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a) and 1.10

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**PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP IN**  
**NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully Requests to Correct Inventorship in Non-Provisional Application under  
37 C.F.R. §1.48(a) filed November 22, 2000.

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Enclosed herein is a Request To Correct Inventorship In Non-Provisional Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), which includes the following:

- A statement from the inventors to be added, David T. Mehring, Thomas L. Lamoureux, Hubert A. Zettel, and Timothy D. Butler, evidencing lack of deceptive intent
- A declaration by the actual inventors, Winnie C. Durbin, Kun Zhang, Karamjeet Singh, David T. Mehring, Thomas L. Lamoureux, Hubert A. Zettel, and Timothy D. Butler
- A statement from the Assignee of the above-captioned Patent agreeing to the change of inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) and supporting documentation.

Applicant is also filing a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 concurrently herewith to suspend the rules of 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 regarding the requirement that all joint inventors must participate in a declaration to correct inventorship.

Applicant hereby authorizes charging of Deposit Account No. 50-2402 for the fee of \$130.00 associated with entering the aforementioned Request To Correct Inventorship In Non-Provisional Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a).

Applicant cordially invites a Patent Office representative to contact the undersigned, should any matters require discussion or remain unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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### STATEMENT OF INVENTORS TO BE ADDED

I, David T. Mehring, Thomas L. Lamoureux, Hubert A. Zettel, and Timothy D. Butler, by signing below, do hereby affirm that the inventorship error of failing to include myself as an inventor of United States Patent Application 09/681,017 occurred without any deceptive intent on my part.

I acknowledge that any willful false statements and the like made herein are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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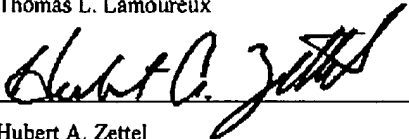
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WRITTEN CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)

I, Peter J. Vogel, by signing below, do hereby provide written consent of the assignee under 37 CFR 1.48(a) regarding the correction of inventorship of United States Patent Application 09/681,017. Enclosed herewith is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the above application by the assignee.

Peter J. Vogel  
Peter J. Vogel

Dated: April 29, 2008



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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

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Application No./Patent No.: 09/681,017 Filed/Issue Date: November 22, 2000

Entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM TO REMOTELY ENABLE SOFTWARE-BASED OPTIONS FOR A TRIAL PERIOD

General Electric Company, a Corporation

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☐ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Peter J. Vogel  
Signature

April 29, 2008  
Date

Peter J. Vogel  
Printed or Typed Name

262-548-4894  
Telephone Number

Senior IP Procurement Counsel  
Title

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 3.73(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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